HLP Area of Responsibility, Global Meeting
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Draft Minutes

List of participants - online:

- Ibere Lopes - HLP Adviser to the Global Shelter Cluster
- Adam Schumacher - Conflict Advisor, USAID/BHA
- Sayed Aliunnaqi Amini - from Gaziantep Turkey co-chair of HLP TWG covering the NW Syria
- Anne Sophie Laenkholm - Thematic Expert on Protection & Gender, DG ECHO - Asia Pacific Region and Global Policy Coordination
- Anthony Nolan - Global Protection Lead for NRC
- Brett Moore - Global Shelter Cluster
- Christiana Sullivan
- Craig Hatcher
- Daniel Ozoukou - from Bamako Mali
- Dipti Hingorani - IFRC
- Eleonora F. Serpi - UN-Habitat
- Evelyn Aero - Nairobi, Kenya (Covering HLP AoR in Somalia)
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- Hamidullah Atae – UNHCR, Afghanistan
- Ina Jahn - IOM
- Jabani Mamza – NRC, Nigeria
- James Joseph - IOM
- Jenny Bjerlestad - HLP specialist, UN-Habitat Lebanon
- Jim Kennedy
- Jose Arraiza – Senior Procap Adviser, currently working on Sudan
- Katrien Ringele, Global ICLA Specialist, NRC
- Kim Mancini - Legal Adviser to the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs
- Kristie Farmer – independent HLP consultant
- Laura Cunial - NRC Syria crisis ICLA research adviser
- Leeanie Marshall - IFRC
- Martina Caterina – UNCHR and GPC Task Team on Law and Policy
- Masayuki Yokota - Head of UN-Habitat Sudan co-chair of HLP in Sudan
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- Miriam Lopez, NRC
- Mohammad Nalshik, NRC ICLA NW Syria
- Muhammad Kaigama
- Muslim Qazimi - HLP Sub-cluster Coordinator, Iraq
- Natacha Jaarim – NRC Libya, ICLA Project Manager
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- Pauline Caspellan - IFRC Disaster Law (Southeast Asia)
- Phil Duloy - Humanitarian Advisor, HSOT/FCDO
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- Severine Lacroix
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- Skylar Kogelschatz
- Sonia Oluremi Felix
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- Thiago Söthe - Associate Protection Officer, South Sudan Protection Cluster
- Tomas Olhom
- Tina Gewis - NRC Regional ICLA Adviser West & Central Africa, based in Dakar
- Volodymyr Khorbaladze - NRC HLP Coordinator, Ukraine
- Wan Sophonpanich - global CCCM Cluster coordinator, IOM
1. **Global update on the AoR, workplan 2021-2022**

**Jim Robinson (global coordinator, HLP AoR)** presented the update on the HLP AoR:

- The AoR’s strategic priorities remain:
  1. Improved global support to HLP coordination and response,
  2. Enhanced global attention to HLP through donor engagement, advocacy and HLP inclusion across clusters.

- The number of HLP coordination mechanisms in active protection cluster contexts continues to grow and currently stands at 20, with several more in development. NRC has a leadership role in 17 of these as Chair or Co-Chair.

- Highlighting 2 key HLP concepts related work of protection, shelter, CCCM and other clusters:
  - **Security of tenure:** the degree of certainty to which people will be able to stay on the land or in the house they occupy – it includes the right of all individuals to have guaranteed legal protection against forced eviction, harassment and other threats
  - **Due diligence:** process of verifying rights to land, property, housing in order to understand the context in which humanitarians are acting – both to minimize harm and maximise chance of sustainable, durable outcomes and secure tenure.

- Highlights of the **HLP AoR work plan 2021-2022:** all are encouraged to participate, make suggestions and provide their expertise.
  - Helpdesk and country support: presentation of the areas of work.
  - Thematic working groups: displaced women’s HLP; eviction and relocation; shelter; camp coordination and camp management; mine action.
    ➔ To join a thematic working group: **access the form**

- On **advocacy and communication: working to develop an advocacy brief on importance of HLP and Due Diligence for donors.** This is part of an effort to demystify HLP due diligence for donor community, and make the case for its inclusion within grant proposals – risk management and reduction, do no harm, resilient and durable outcomes.
  - Once drafted, the brief will be shared for comment and inputs

- **The HLP Newsletter** sent every 2 months will continue to share updates, trainings, events and resources on HLP. Inputs are welcome (and essential!), and there is the opportunity to create thematic issues (such as the upcoming focus on Women’s HLP).
  ➔ Sign up for newsletter: [https://mailchi.mp/nrc.no/globalhlpao](https://mailchi.mp/nrc.no/globalhlpao)

- **Increasing the resilience** of the HLP AOR – plans to:
  - creating a more formal SAG
  - including more diverse actors to carry the AoR (local actors, national actors, development actors...)
  - the strategy 2022-2024 is to be reviewed
    ➔ If you are interested in being part of the team to develop these areas, please get in touch!

If you want to get involved in the different projects, reach out at [jim.robinson@nrc.no](mailto:jim.robinson@nrc.no).

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2. **HLP and Shelter Cluster update**
Ibere Lopes – Global Shelter Cluster HLP Advisor - presents an overview on HLP and the Shelter Cluster:
- Launching initiative to revise the update on land right and shelter due diligence standards (one of the sector’s reference document from 2013, in need of revision to be more accessible → invites the members of the AoR to participate in the revision. More to follow.
- Support for country clusters: ongoing online, as of June the country deployments will be resumed. Requests for support should be made through the Global Shelter Cluster.
- Reminder of the resources that are available in the Global Shelter Cluster Website: HLP Country profiles (legal and policy framework) + HLP smartphone guide on DisasterReady (guide) published this year.

Brett Moore – Global Shelter Cluster Coordinator update on the Global Shelter Cluster:
- 2 new grants:
  • One grant from USAID-BHA (around $2 million): strengthening the global cluster coordination process, national activities, such as localisation and other topics related to the 4 pillars of the Global Shelter Cluster strategy. If you want to know more about that, check out the link.
  • Grant from ECHO (about $680 000): greening the response → rethinking the traditional shelter response to make it greener.
- Annual Meeting from June 7 to June 17, 2021, on “shelter in changing environment” (online). ➔ GSC annual meeting, agenda and online registration: https://www.sheltercluster.org/meeting2021

3. Women's HLP update

Kristie Farmer presented an update on ongoing women’s HLP work across the AoR. This includes
A thematic newsletter on Women’s HLP in programs:
- cross-sector focus, with GBV and Shelter colleagues,
- challenges faced in field operations and the solutions being developed,
- sharing interesting initiatives (including those with a development perspective)
Invitation for inputs: updates, short-pieces, content or suggestions.

For suggestions & contribution to the WHLP theme newsletter please contact laura.cunial@nrc.no and kfconsulting@outlook.com


Resources on Women in Displacement: https://womenindisplacement.org/

4. Breakout groups - improving the AoR - 2021-22

Participants moved into break out groups to discuss:
- what is working well?
- what could be improved?
- what change/addition would you like to see?
- How will you contribute?
5. Tour de Table - updates from members country and/or thematic specific

**Natacha Jaarim**, NRC Libya, ICLA Project Manager
- Eviction tracking tools, working with clusters
- HLP related to women in Libya, will focus more on the legal aspect of it (with resources to share externally)
- Legal framework on HLP to allow joint advocacy on the topic

**Thiago Söthe**, Associate Protection Officer, South Sudan Protection Cluster
- Working group on HLP under the protection cluster
- Many issues but the main 2 are:
  - South Sudan: observing return movements (IDPs and returnees). Focusing on return, opportunity to strengthen HLP related to return. Community response in areas that are famine likely: need a specialized response.
  - Focus on access to HLP right for Women from government side: workshop that allowed recommendations, planning conference on HLP rights for women.

**Pauline Caspellan**, IFRC Disaster Law (Southeast Asia)
- Programme built for the coming 2 years with 3 steps:
  - build capacity of Red Cross and Red Crescent national organizations with learning tools on HLP in Humanitarian Action
  - Develop a strategy on policy on shelter programming
  - Support national societies in their HLP related action once trained.
- Will work with shelter cluster and eventually protection cluster

**Ozge Togay**, NRC NW Syria ICLA Programme Manager and HLP TWG Co-chair for NW Syria
- The discussion for joint forced eviction monitoring with NW Syria Protection Cluster -Protection Monitoring Task Force is ongoing
- Eviction monitoring with the HLP working group members is on the agenda of HLP TWG
- Planning to do HLP service mapping to understand who is working in Syria on HLP.

**Laura Cunial**, NRC Syria crisis ICLA research adviser
- Leading the development of research and tools for HLP and civil documentation for the Syria Crisis.
  NRC developed studies and guidance note on security of tenure in the camps, HLP and livelihoods, HLP and mine action.
- Currently finalizing guidance on lease agreement, transfer of ownership and inheritance.
- At regional level in collaboration with UNHCR: explore HLP rights and civil documentation issues with a durable solution length through a series of research currently being finalized.

**Evelyn Aero**, Nairobi, Kenya (Covering HLP AoR in Somalia)
- Somalia: have been building an eviction tool with real time in-depth analysis on data [https://evictions.nrcsystems.net/](https://evictions.nrcsystems.net/). It has allowed the creation of eviction guidelines; working on how to make these guidelines more binding and lead to policy change.
- Displaced Ethiopian women HLP rights: with the African Union, documenting the progress made on HLP rights.

**Jabani Mamza**, ICLA Nigeria and HLP sub-sector coordinator

- Working with:
  - the CCCM cluster to monitor eviction and develop new tools
  - local authorities to support PoC on documentation for land-rights.
  - the Mine Action working group: trained on HLP and on how to identify mine risks
  - GBV subsector to develop local partners to assist on cases of women on HLP (UNFPA and NRC)

**Jenny Bjerlestad**, HLP specialist, UN-Habitat Lebanon

- HLP response based on the Syrian land crisis and eviction
- After the Beirut blast, temporary HLP committee established as a subgroup in the shelter cluster (provide HLP expertise). It was meant to be deactivated but discussions to keep it activated: HLP is becoming an increasing issue.
- UN-Habitat is undertaking HLP assessments in the blast area (evictions).

### 6. AOB

The GPC Task Team on Law & Policy is organising a webinar discussion dedicated to internal displacement and planned relocations as part of a “Virtual Workshop Series on Developing a Research and Policy Agenda for Addressing Displacement and Migration in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change in Africa”. We would love to identify speakers - practitioners with experience working on relocations in Africa - please get in touch at caterina@unhcr.org

### 7. Next steps

- Another global HLP AoR meeting will be held in October 2021
- Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons is publishing a report on HLP this year → Launching events will take place in June.
- CCCM on HLP working group: a new session is planned in June.